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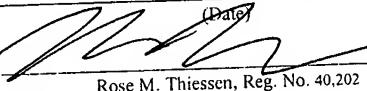
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Rose M. Thiessen, Reg. No. 40,202REQUEST FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests a THREE-MONTH extension of time in responding to the Patent Office communication mailed 5/21/2003. This request is being made solely to maintain co-pendency for the filing of a continuation application being filed on even date herewith.

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